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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of September 21, 1999.

____ Petition for Extension of Time enclosed.

X No additional amendment fee is required.

Also enclosed:

No. of Claims After Amendment		Most Claims Previously Paid	Extra Claims				Additional Fee		
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- ___ A check for \$ to cover the extension of time fee and extra claims fee is attached.
- ___ Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Nov 19, 1999

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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE--EXAMINING GROUP 1643

Box AF Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 21, 1999 (Paper #17), for which a response is initially due December 21, 1999. However, because this Response is submitted within two months of the mailing date, expedited procedure after final is requested. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.